

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
Vestry Minutes
August 8, 2011**

Quorum: The vestry of St. Peter's met on August 8, 2011, with the following members present: John Arrowood, Steve Bentley, Ellison Clary, Harris Holt, John Hurst, John Knip, Bill Krewson, Maria Long, Kathleen Mundle and Cindy White; and Interim Rector, Tim Raasch.

Gene Humphreys, Deacon, also attended.

The meeting began with the service of Compline.

Minutes: The minutes for the July 11th meeting were accepted as presented.

New Business: Gene Humphreys presented Stephen McQueen as an applicant for the Deaconate. His discernment committee had met several times, but they still had two more weeks to meet. However, because of timing required by the Diocese, any applications for the Deaconate had to be received by the Bishop before September 1, or Steve would have to wait another 12 to 18 months before he could start the process again. Since the vestry would not meet again before Sept. 1, the vestry agreed to provide its signatures to endorse the decision of the Discernment Committee.

Reports of Officers:

Treasurer: David Lavoie submitted a written report. He stated that pledge offerings continued to be strong, and are \$13,958 favorable to plan for the month and \$50,784 ahead of budget for the year. Plate offerings were \$563 favorable to plan for the month. For the year, plate offerings are \$7,045 ahead of plan. Facilities Use (wedding) fees were \$10,600 for July, making that category \$4,627 ahead of plan. Miscellaneous income was \$7,600 favorable to budget for July and \$5,618 favorable for the year. We are \$41,327 favorable to budget through the end of July 2011.

Total revenues were \$22,121 for July and are a healthy \$63,448 ahead for the year.

Total expenses were \$2,860 favorable for July and \$18,839 favorable for the year.

Revenues exceeded expenses by \$4,359 in July; the budget called for a \$20,622 deficit for the month. It is unusual to run a surplus during a summer month. Through July, we have an actual surplus of \$32,186; a deficit of \$50,102 had been

budgeted. Much of that is due to pledge revenues being so healthy. The Vestry reserve account has \$97,475.

The Shannonhouse Fund was moved to the St. Peter's Endowment in July. In return, the Endowment forgave their \$550,000 loan to the church associated with the Miracle on Seventh Street capital campaign of the 1990's.

The Capital Campaign received \$23,549 in pledge payments in July. We have now collected 77.9% of pledges. The only other transactions were interest earned and paid to BB&T. The BB&T loan balance was \$502,060, and will be reduced by \$23,549 in August.

A draft of the 2010 audit conducted by C. Dewitt Ford & Co. has been delivered and will be presented to the Vestry at its September meeting.

The treasurer's report was accepted and approved.

Senior Warden: Kathleen Mundle offered the following motion: To pay Kevin Nunnery \$165 a week from the security line of the budget to open the church, be present from 7:15 until 1:15 each Sunday to provide security, lock up after the 10:30 service; return to open the church and provide security from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings when there is a 5:00 service, and then lock the church. Kevin would have Wednesdays and Saturdays off. This motion was seconded and passed.

The Search Committee website is up and running. It includes a general timeline (taken from the vestry meeting with Canon Hunn) and photographs and biographies of the search committee members. There is a section for Frequently Asked Questions that will be updated by the search committee. This information will also be provided in a notebook that will remain in the parish lobby for those without access to the internet.

The St. Peter's website has been enhanced. It now includes a link to the search website. Fr. Raasch's sermons at the 10:30 service are being recorded and are now uploaded to the website.

Junior Warden: Bill Krewson reported that construction has been completed for the two offices in the youth/music area of the basement. One office is for use by the Choir School, and the other is for the Augustine Project.

A water line will be run to the counter area in the multi-purpose room.

The handicapped bathroom off the parlor is being renovated to bring it into

compliance with the handicapped code.

Bill will develop safety policies and procedures for overnight guests, and will also develop fire drill procedures.

Interim Rector: Fr. Raasch reported the Meet and Greet socials were going very well, and of the ones that had occurred so far, between 25 and 30 people had attended.

Beginning after Rally Day Sept. 11, Morning Prayer held every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m., and a Contemplative Evening Prayer service held every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Fr. Raasch requested that nametags be used at the services. It was agreed to delegate this to the Parish Life Commission.

A Vestry Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 9 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church.

The last Epistle was mailed with an announcement insert to let people know that we will now have a one to two page update that will be sent by e-mail weekly. Everyone is encouraged, if they have access to e-mail, to provide staff with their e-mail addresses. A printed edition will be mailed weekly to those without internet access, and a printed copy of each weekly edition will be made available in the parish lobby.

Commission Reports: Ellison Clary reported on behalf of **Stewardship** that Jim Shannonhouse will lead the fall annual giving campaign. On **October 16, 2011**, there will be a parish luncheon after the 10:30 service.

The vestry then entered executive session. When it returned from executive session, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Long, Secretary